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NOMINEES FOR STATE SENATE.

Republican Convention Names Sam C. Park, George N. Lawrence And Stephen H. Love.

RIDEOUT AND HEWLETT LOSE.

Matter Was Decided on the First Ballot at This Morning's Session.

VOTING FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

Long List of Candidates and it is Almost Impossible to Name the Winners.

LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

For State Senators—Samuel C. Park, George N. Lawrence, Stephen H. Love.

The Republican county convention, called for the purpose of nominating three state senators for the Sixth Senatorial district, and ten representatives for the Eighth representative district, is assembled at the Salt Lake Theater today. The convention was called for 10 o'clock, but it was after 11 before the delegates got together for business, the time in the interim being devoted to caucusing for the purpose of agreeing, if possible, upon certain candidates for nomination. So far as the representatives were concerned, the caucuses were fruitless of results, but up to the time the convention was called to order, there was some dubiety as to just who would be named for the state senate. The county delegates had two candidates for the senate—D. O. Rideout, Jr., and Stephen H. Love. Which would be successful was an open question, but Mr. Rideout had one advantage over his competitor—he was the choice of the county delegates in caucus. Despite this advantage, however, Mr. Love was the choice of the convention, he, Samuel C. Park and George N. Lawrence being declared the nominees as a result of the first ballot. What the developments of the afternoon will be is not known, as there are so many candidates in the field that speculation concerning the outcome would amount to absolutely nothing else.

SLOW IN STARTING.

The principal feature of the convention both yesterday and today, has been its unusual slowness. There has been much caucusing and an apparently eager desire on the part of many to secure the nominations. The convention was adjourned last evening to meet at 10 o'clock this morning but it was after 11 o'clock before, after repeated efforts, Chairman Frick succeeded in getting the convention down to business. H. C. Edwards moved that the aisles be cleared and that the delegates be obliged to take their seats. The motion was seconded by a small boy in the gallery, which provoked much applause, some one suggesting that the "kid" was a true Republican.

CANDIDATES NAMED.

Glenn Miller, in a short and characteristic speech, nominated for the senate Sam C. Park. He was followed by Hyrum C. Booth, who nominated Senator George M. Lawrence. Secy. of nomination Senator Stephen H. Love, C. O. Whittemore, said he wanted to deny that there was any slate, as had been alleged in the morning papers, and presented the name of Orson H. Hewlett, Col. George B. Squires, on behalf of the county districts, nominated D. O. Rideout.

FREELY SECONDED.

Jake Greenwald said the party had no walk-over at the coming election and therefore he was in favor of putting in the field men who could win and wanted to second the nomination of Senator Lawrence and Sam Park. George M. Cannon seconded the nomination of Stephen H. Love. O. W. Carlson seconded the nomination of D. Rideout. Judge George F. Goodwin in electing the ticket this fall, and sec. Love, Orson H. Hewlett, and Stephen H. Love. Orson H. Hewlett was seconded by John The Gray Dixon and Geo. S. Seconded speeches followed in rapid succession and a motion was carried declaring the nominations closed and the ballot was proceeded with, while the band played.

RESULT OF BALLOT.

The ballot resulted in the nomination of Messrs. Park, Lawrence and Love, the vote being as follows: Park, 355; Lawrence, 287; Love, 270; Rideout, 141; Hewlett, 124.

RIDEOUT'S LAPSUS LINGUAE.

When the result of the ballot was announced, Mr. Rideout obtained the floor and began by saying, "I am a Democrat" which provoked the convention. When corrected himself by commencing, "I am a Republican and wish to make the nomination of Messrs. Park, Lawrence and Love unanimous." Mr. Whittemore, on behalf of Mr. Hewlett, seconded the motion, which was carried, after which the convention took a recess until two o'clock.

THIS AFTERNOON.

As usual the convention was dilatory in getting together this afternoon. A recess was taken at 12:30 until 2 o'clock, but it was three before the hammer

which Chairman Frick uses as a gavel resounded through the theater. There are 10 candidates for the house of representatives to be chosen and about 30 applicants for the places. It will readily be seen how many nominating speeches and seconding speeches will be made before the morning is proceeded with and it will probably be late in the afternoon before it is known who are the lucky nominees. After the convention had been called to order, H. C. Edwards moved that the nominating speeches be limited to two minutes, and the seconding speeches to one minute, which was carried. Judge Frick then took the floor and placed in nomination William McCrea, and Herbert Cromer, and P. P. Christensen nominated William L. Dunn.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES.

The Republicans of Brigham City have selected the following delegates to the county convention, which convenes there tomorrow, Sept. 24:

O. C. Jensen, C. Holst, James Cheff, Mary Holst, N. E. Mortensen, J. Johansen, Mary Valentine, Lars Larsen, Fred Kelly, Mrs. J. A. Edwards, Joseph Jensen, Elias Jensen, A. W. Valentine, E. A. Box, C. A. Kaiser, James S. Perry, H. W. Valentine, F. W. Fishburn, J. F. Merrell, J. H. Horsley, J. Francis Merrell, Annie J. Wilson, William L. Wright, H. E. Larsen, F. J. Holley, Clara R. Christensen, Ed. C. Wheatley, Joseph Knudson, C. Christensen, Lewis J. Anderson, Joseph Josephson, James Knudson, Frank Earl, Joseph Hansen, Lorenzo Peterson, William Merrell, Henry Katter, Jr.

WEBER COUNTY CONVENTION.

A delegate convention of the Republican party of Weber county, Utah, is called to meet at Parry's hall, corner of Twenty-third street and Washington avenue, in Ogden City, at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 1904, for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for state senator, one candidate for county clerk, one candidate for county treasurer, one candidate for county recorder, one candidate for county sheriff, one candidate for county attorney, one candidate for county assessor, one candidate for county surveyor and two candidates for county commissioners, one for a term of four years and one for a term of two years; one candidate for county superintendent of schools, which last named candidate will be nominated by the delegates chosen in the several voting districts outside of Ogden City; one candidate for Ogden City precinct, which last named candidate shall be nominated by the delegates chosen in the several voting districts within Ogden City, and for the transaction of any and all other business that may properly come before such convention.

EUREKA DELEGATES.

Those Chosen to Attend Republican County Convention.

Special Correspondence. Eureka, Sept. 23.—The Republicans of Eureka held a mass primary at the city hall last night and nominated eight delegates to the county convention, which meets at Mammoth on Thursday next. M. D. Hewlett presided over the meeting, and Charles E. Huish acted as secretary. The following gentlemen were elected: John C. Sullivan, Eugene Hendrick, H. T. Fullridge, J. P. Turner, Herbert Hopes, John Morley and Hugo Pezzen.

CACHE COUNTY POLITICS.

Democrats Open Headquarters and Arrange for Convention.

Special Correspondence. Logan, Sept. 23.—The Democrats have opened headquarters in a room over the Co-op Grocery on Center street, and the Republicans have opened house in the room vacated by the City Shoe store on First North. Both parties are now prepared to entertain their friends. Joseph William Hurren is spoken of as superintendent of schools on the Republican ticket. The Democrats have called their county convention for Saturday, Oct. 1, instead of Monday, Sept. 28, as was first intended. Moroni Beck is a candidate on the Republican ticket for the Legislature from the north end.

To Whom It May Concern.

The following communication, received by the "News" today is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the "American" committee:

At the request of a committee of office seekers and anxious to serve as officers, We respectfully permit our names to appear in honor of the American party.

For Governor—Bruce Jonny. Secretary—Tommy Kurt. Justice of Supreme Court—Eza Tompkin.

Treasurer—Walt J. Meek. Auditor—Samuel Gilaze. Supt. of Schools—Al Reese. Atty-General—Maurice Staffelle. Congress—Ogden Hall.

Presidential Electors—Eph Kellie, Bill Shoule, Daniel Done.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Al Reese has resigned his position as chief clerk in the office of the state engineer, as he is now a worker on the new party state central committee.

Charles J. Bentzen announces himself as a candidate for city justice on the Democratic ticket.

The Young Men's Democratic club met at headquarters last night and discussed matters pertaining to the campaign; also to the barbecue to be given at the Salt Palace next Tuesday. It was the sense of the meeting that the club tender its assistance to the county committee on registration and election days and that its members make a thorough canvass for accessions. Concerning the barbecue a letter was read from Congressman Shafroth expressing regrets that he would not be able to attend, but in the meantime an effort will be made to secure other speakers of national prominence.

FATAL DRINK OF EMBALMING FLUID

Horrible Death of Mrs. Seth Longbaugh of Payson at Mammoth Today.

ASKED FOR A BOWL OF WATER

And Was Given One Containing Fluid That Undertaker Had Left Behind Him on Table.

(Special to the "News.") Mammoth, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Seth Longbaugh of Payson, who has been visiting her children at Mammoth for the past 10 days, died here this morning at 8 o'clock, having been poisoned by drinking embalming fluid. A couple of days ago Mrs. Longbaugh went over to the home of Fred Samuels, where a three-year-old child had just died. While there she asked for a drink of water and by mistake was given a bowl containing embalming fluid, which the undertaker had left in the room. The woman was immediately taken ill, but her condition was not thought to be serious until last night, when her husband was summoned from Payson. From that time on she continued to sink and died this morning, as indicated above.

POSTMASTER FOR COLTON.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Lyman Marble has been appointed postmaster at Colton, Utah, vice J. J. Cramer, resigned.

NEW DEPUTY APPOINTED.

Internal Revenue Collector J. H. Calister today received the resignation of Deputy Collector C. D. French of Butte and appointed W. W. Wenner to succeed Mr. French. The new deputy will qualify today or tomorrow, and at once enter upon the duties of his office.

AULTMAN CO. RECEIVER.

Cleveland, Sept. 23.—Col. J. J. Sullivan, president of the Central National bank of this city, who has been appointed receiver of the Aultman company of Canton, O., extensive agricultural machinery manufacturers, left for the latter city yesterday to take charge of the big plant.

It is stated that the liabilities of the Aultman company are not less than \$500,000. The present trouble is said to be due to the failure of the Cedar Rapids Supply company of Cedar Rapids, Ia., recently. The Iowa concern, according to the petition, is a large creditor of the Aultman company. The failure of the Arctic Machine company of Akron, O., with liabilities aggregating about \$500,000, are said to have resulted from the financial trouble of the Aultman company. The latter concern manufactured the machinery handled by the Arctic company.

SULTAN GRACIOUS TO MR. LEISHMAN

Paris, Sept. 23.—The correspondent of the Temps at Constantinople, referring to the fact that the American minister, Mr. Leishman, was invited by the sultan to dine at the palace Wednesday evening, telegraphs:

"This exceptional act of graciousness is considered an augury of the solution of the pending Turkish-American questions."

The Turkish admiralty has been commanded to order a number of torpedo boats from American and European shipyards.

Congress of Arts and Science.

St. Louis, Sept. 23.—Sectional meetings today again occupied the attention of the delegates to the International Congress of Arts and Science which is in session at the world's fair grounds. One of the important features of the day was the session of the "New Testament" division, which was held in the convention hall. Prominent professors of theology delivered addresses and many delegates were interested listeners.

Dr. William H. Maxwell, superintendent of the public schools of New York City, was the principal speaker in the sectional meeting of the department of education today.

Crown Commissioner Unseated.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 23.—E. J. Davis, commissioner of crown lands, and a member of the Ontario legislature, has been unseated as a result of a petition against his unparliamentary conduct in the election in February, 1904. This leaves the government without a majority on the floor. The speaker, however, has the privilege of casting a vote in the case of a tie.

Naval Contracts With Railroads.

Washington, Sept. 23.—A general order has been issued at the navy department that greatly simplifies the method of contracting with the railroad companies for the transportation of officers and men. It is one of the several moves recently made by Secy. Morton to cut out some of the red tape which clogs the wheels of the departmental machinery.

Fairbanks in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Senator Fairbanks arrived in Chicago on his way to the Pacific coast. He spent the day today with the Republican leaders in this city preparatory to starting on his western tour.

Secy. Shaw arrived from the west during the day and left later for Indiana in the afternoon, to suppress the confidence of Republican prospects in the west.

Disturbances Not Anti-Jewish

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The disturbances which occurred at Odessa last week are now said not to have been anti-Jewish in character, but to have been caused by reserve men who, it is alleged, refused to go to the far east. A detachment of regular troops is said to have refused to obey orders.

Weather Men's Convention Over.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 23.—The closing sessions of the convention of weather men were uneventful. Papers were read pertaining to the weather service. The place of the next meeting was not announced, it being customary to defer this until six months previous to assembling.

FRANCE IS AFTER PART OF LIBERIA.

So Declares Sir Harry Johnston Traveler and Ex-Consul General for Uganda Protectorate.

PRaises the American Negro.

In Liberia He Has Shown a Great Capacity for Civilization.

London, Sept. 23.—Sir Harry Johnston, the well known traveler and former consul-general for the Uganda protectorate, who recently returned here from a visit to Liberia, is quoted in an interview as saying there is no doubt that France is endeavoring to secure, as a result of the boundary dispute, a portion of the territory of the Liberian republic. "No justification whatever can be shown for such a procedure," he said, "other than the right of the strongest and the total inability of Liberia to resist by force any French aggression." Sir Harry speaks highly of the American negro, a census which he made shows that there are about 12,000 of these residents in Liberia who "show under their own government what the negro is capable of in the way of civilization. American and British philanthropists who have watched Liberia for years could not but view with great bitterness any attempt on the part of the colonial party in France to take advantage of Liberia's weakness to snip off portions of her territory."

WETTER GUILTY.

Jury Finds That He Murdered Chris Long and John Wain.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 23.—Rudolph Wetter on trial at Grangeville, Idaho, for the slaying of Chris Long and John Wain, has been pronounced guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury is stated to be hanging, but sentence has not yet been passed. Wetter and his victims lived less than a mile apart in the Salmon river country. One evening, declaring his intention to "drive those fellows down the trail," Wetter went to their cabin and deliberately shot down Wain and Long. Two others of their party ran away. Later, Wetter appeared at a store several miles distant, where he took some drinks and stated he would get out of the killing scrape all right.

COURT CLERK ARRESTED.

Charged With Selling Bogus Federal Naturalization Papers.

New York, Sept. 23.—Secret service detectives today arrested Sebastian Fasanuello, a clerk in the first municipal court, on a charge of selling bogus federal naturalization certificates. The secret service men said the arrest might lead to sensational developments tending to expose the head of the syndicate which for several years has been supplying Italians with fraudulent federal naturalization papers.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

One of Far-Reaching Importance Comes Up in Oregon.

Astoria, Or., Sept. 23.—A case of far-reaching importance will probably be decided today by Circuit Judge McClellan. The action is that of Charlotte Grimburg vs. the Columbia River Packers' association to recover \$5,000 damages for the death of her husband who was killed by falling from the mizzen top gallant yard of the ship St. Nicholas under charter to the defendant corporation, but owned by G. W. Hunt & Co. of San Francisco. The defendant's attorneys raise the point that the vessel was part of the state of California and that action should have been brought there, while the plaintiff's attorneys contend that the charter of the ship to the local concern made her a part of Oregon, during the life of the charter. Upon this proposition hinges the fate of a motion for non-suit.

WRECK ON THE M. K. & T.

Engineer Killed and Three Persons Injured.

Clinton, Mo., Sept. 23.—Passenger train northbound on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road last night was wrecked this morning at Lewis station, by a misplaced switch. Engineer John Shaw of Kansas, was killed, and three persons were injured. The train was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, when without warning it dashed onto a siding and into a string of freight cars. The switch light had been removed.

TRAIN STRUCK DYNAMITE.

Engine and Some Cars Demolished and Several People Killed.

Cumberland, Me., Sept. 23.—A fast freight on the B. & O. railroad struck a wagon loaded with dynamite on a road crossing at North Branch this afternoon. The engine and several freight cars were demolished. Several people are reported killed and injured.

Killed by an Engine.

New York, Sept. 23.—Two men have been instantly killed by an engine in the freight yards at St. George, Staten Island. The dead men were workmen engaged in carrying steel rails across the track. Four others narrowly escaped.

KUROPATKIN SAYS JAPANESE HAVE RESUMED OFFENSIVE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Gen. Kuropatkin telegraphs that the Japanese have assumed the offensive, from Bentasiaputze on Pu Pass, which is on the railroad between Mukden and Fushan, about 12 miles from Mukden.

A SCHOOL HOUSE BECOMES A MORGUE

At Recess Children Made a Rush For an Outhouse, Floor Giving Way.

A SCORE WENT INTO THE VAULT.

Nine Bodies Recovered—More Said to Be in It—School Officers Are Blamed.

Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—During the morning recess today of the public school at Pleasant Ridge, about 21 miles north of this city, a number of children lost their lives. When school recessed, there was a playful rush into the outhouse, which gave way, precipitating about 20 children into the vault. At 4 a. m. there had been four dead bodies recovered, and it could not be learned how many more were still buried in the vault. "Later in the day nine bodies had been recovered. An estimate of the missing placed the number of those that had fallen into the vault at 21, and it was reported then that there were evidently more dead bodies yet in the vault. It was stated that the joists under the flooring gave way, and suddenly fell with all who were in the outhouse at the time. Excitement was intensified by complaints of parents against school officers, who said that the building and grounds were inspected before the opening of school two weeks ago. Soon after it was known what had happened, all the utensils available in the vicinity were brought into requisition. Men went into the vault and carried out the bodies, and the school building was transferred into a morgue. After nine bodies had been recovered and 12 were rescued alive, but no more were found. All the victims were girls, the oldest being 12 years. At the time of the accident the vault contained four feet of water. The nine who were killed served to fill up the vault so that the other 12 were not drowned. Of the 12 who were rescued it was reported this afternoon that half of them will die on account of internal poisoning and broken limbs. Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—Coroner Weaver has placed all the rotten joists of the outhouse under lock and key, with the place guarded. He summoned a lot of witnesses to his office in Cincinnati tomorrow. There is intense indignation in the village among the friends of the victims.

SPLENDID PARADE OF ODD FELLOWS.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—A phenomenal rainstorm which began yesterday and continued all night, threatened to cause a postponement of the Odd Fellows' parade, the chief public feature of the week's celebration, which has been postponed from its original date, however, the sun broke through the clouds and the pavements were soon dry enough to permit of marching without serious discomfort. Brig.-Gen. E. H. Black acted as grand marshal, and promptly on time the parade started on its course through streets lined with thousands of spectators. The line was composed of 14 divisions and included many floats of attractive design. At the head of the column was a platoon of mounted police, followed by a detachment of the patriars militant, acting as an escort to Grand Sir John B. Goodwin and other officers and representatives of the sovereign grand lodge. Then came a strong body of patriars militant, under command of Gen. M. A. Raney, the members of visiting California lodges being commanded by Brig.-Gen. H. O. Brewer. There were three regiments which vied with each other in soldierly appearance and precision of movement.

Then followed in succession, subordinate and reserve grand lodges, the first of Alameda county, who were followed by members from Santa Clara and Sacramento counties. A float containing 50 inmates of the Odd Fellows' orphan home attracted much attention. The many lodges of San Francisco came next, turning out several thousand strong.

Officers and members of the grand encampment and of subordinate encampments composed the tenth division, the remaining divisions being made up of regiments of visiting California lodges, the officers of the grand lodge and Rebekah assemblies and veteran members of the order.

Prominent features of the parade were drill corps from several encampments were loudly applauded. The parade was received in front of the city hall by Grand Sir John B. Goodwin and other officers of the sovereign grand lodge the grand encampment. After the procession disbanded the sovereign grand lodge convened in Native Sons hall and the grand encampment of California met in the Odd Fellows building.

ITALIO-CHINESE TROUBLE.

Incident of Sept. 15 at Pekin Not A Serious Affair.

Pekin, Sept. 23, Afternoon.—The conflict between Chinese and Italians on Sept. 15, during which one of the Italians fired two shots into the residence of Gen. Chiang, the Chinese commander-in-chief, has given rise to nothing serious. The incident will be terminated by an apology, which, however, has not yet been tendered. The assault by Chinese on the commander of the French legation guard, Capt. Larbie, Monday, while taking photographs from the roof of the forbidden city, which was immediately settled by an apology, was apparently due to Chinese soldiers thinking the camera was an Italian, which caused them to attack him.

Ocean Passenger Rates.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Sept. 23.—Herr Baitin, director general of the North German-Lloyd line, and Herr C. Plate, president of that line; J. Wilmeck, of the Italian Steamship company of Genoa, and O. G. Ruschlin, of the Holland-American Steamship company, held a meeting here today to discuss the trans-Atlantic passenger rates.

Preceding the conference Herren Baitin, Weigand and Plate had a long interview today with Chancellor von Buelow at Homburg, at which the German government's desires in the matter were presumably explained.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Head of the Protestant Episcopal Church of England in a Railroad Wreck.

FORTUNATELY HE WAS NOT HURT

His Special Train, Running Sixty Miles an Hour, Crashed Into a Locomotive.

WAS AT EAST BROOKFIELD, MASS.

Struck Engine Carried Three Hundred Feet Then Dropped—Special Soon Resumed Journey.

East Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 23.—A special train conveying the archbishop of Canterbury from Bar Harbor, Maine, to Washington, was wrecked on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central railroad near the station here today. The archbishop was not injured, although considerably shaken up. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, who was also on the train accompanying the archbishop, was shaken up but not hurt.

The special running at the rate of 60 miles an hour, was just passing the station when a detached locomotive, which had been drawing a train on the North Brookfield branch, ran on to the main line for some reason at present unexplained. The engineer of the special sighted a danger signal, but owing to the high speed of the train and the slippery condition of the rails, due to the mist of early morning, he found it impossible to do more than slightly reduce the speed of his locomotive. The engineer of the branch engine heard the onrush of the special, but he had not time to move out of the way. The archbishop's train struck the North Brookfield engine with a terrific crash and demolished it. The other locomotive was thrown from the rails and landed across the eastbound track near the wreck of the North Brookfield engine. The cars did not leave the track.

THE JEWISH QUESTION WAS NOT INVOLVED.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23, 4 p. m.—According to the information furnished to the Associated Press by the minister of the interior, the attempt to shoot Chief of Police Neidhardt, of Odessa yesterday, by a young man named Sholom, a Jew, was not connected with the Jewish question, or the mobilization of troops now proceeding in Odessa. The man who tried to assassinate M. Neidhardt was evidently a Russian factory worker. When arrested, he said, "Long live labor." He obstinately refused to disclose his name and is not believed to have accomplices. Probably the would-be assassin is a person of unbalanced mind who wished to imitate Sasseff, the assassin of the late interior minister, Von Plehve.

The mobilization at Odessa has been entirely successful, except as regards the Jewish reserve men, fifty per cent of whom have eluded the call to the colors by going abroad or transferring their domicile to neighboring provinces where there is no mobilization. The total number of reserve men called out in the city district is 17,000, of which 4,000 Jews and only 800 Christians did not respond. The places of the missing Jews are filled up by Christians.

The mobilization led to slight rioting at Ekaterinoslav. About 125 drunken reserve men wrecked a few little shops and two private residences. The rioters were arrested without blood being spilled.

A slight Jewish riot is reported to have occurred at Shpolia, province of Kieff. The details have not yet been received.

Callers on Judge Parker.

New York, Sept. 23.—Judge Parker plans to return to Rosemont this evening. Several delegations of visitors called to pay their respects. One of the most important callers was Thomas F. Ryan, a member of the national executive committee. Appointments for later in the day were made with Senator Cushman, former Senator Jones and Col. J. W. Guffey.

WILL LYNCH HIM.

Pennsylvania Mob Looking for Negro Discharged by Constable.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 23.—A negro arrested for an assault made on Mrs. Boggan was released today, according to his captor, constable Jackson, the prisoner having proven himself to be a white man. Citizens, who set out to lynch the negro, discredited the constable's story and are searching for the negro.

Free Thinkers Select Paris.

Rome, Sept. 23.—The congress of Free Thinkers today decided to meet in Paris in 1906 at the Hotel de Beunon Ayres for North and South Americans and at Barcelona for Europeans although the Spaniards in attendance at the present congress expressed their opinion that the Madrid government will forbid the meeting.

Russian Agents Buying Coal.

London, Sept. 23.—Russian agents are dispatching a large quantity of coal to Liverpool for Vladivostok. They offer \$6 per ton, plus 3 per cent, upon the ship's departure and another \$2.50 on arrival at Vladivostok. The firms generally are fighting shy, but a few ships have been dispatched, Hongkong being the ostensible destination.

American Suicide in London.

London, Sept. 23.—George Davis, said to be the son of a wealthy ranch owner in Kansas City, was found dead in bed at a leading London hotel today. An artery of his left arm had been cut with a razor, which was found beside the body. It is supposed that Davis, who is here on a visit, committed suicide.

Davis, who is 26 years old, came to London about two weeks ago, with his wife on a pleasure tour. On Tuesday he was slightly indisposed and a physician was called in and prescribed for him, but the complaint was not serious. Mrs. Davis occupied an adjoining room. She is prostrated and is unable to throw any light on her husband's death. When the body was found Mrs. Davis telegraphed to her husband's father, J. J. Davis, of Kansas City, who called to a friend in London to take charge of the body, which will be taken to America after the inquest which occurs Sept. 26.

LADY CURZON.

London, Sept. 23.—The condition of Lady Curzon, wife of the viceroy of India, who was taken ill two days ago, is still critical, but was slightly improved this morning.

A dispatch from Walmer Castle, near Dover (the official residence of Lord Curzon as lord warden of the Cinque ports) says her ladyship's strength is well maintained.

Five doctors are in attendance upon Lady Curzon throughout the night.

British Cruisers in Canaries.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Sept. 23.—The British cruisers St. George and Bristol arrived here and anchored this morning.

A Las Palmas dispatch dated yesterday said that a Russian cruiser, which has been stopping British vessels in the vicinity of Gibraltar, had begun coaling there, but on instructions received from Madrid she had been ordered to leave Las Palmas. Her commander replied that he was unable to put to sea owing to his vessel's engine needing repairs. The cruiser, however, was forbidden to take on board any more coal, any water or stores.

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